



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 277

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING TALKING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOTTLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2002, shall provide
6 coverage for prescription containers that give audio recorded
7 prescription information, including prescribed dosages, when
8 specifically ordered by a licensed prescribing authority for a person
9 with a visual impairment.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Each group health insurance
11 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
12 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
13 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or
14 after October 1, 2002, shall provide coverage for prescription
15 containers that give audio recorded prescription information,
16 including prescribed dosages, when specifically ordered by a licensed
17 prescribing authority for a person with a visual impairment.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of the general statutes, persons receiving Medicaid benefits
20 in the state shall be eligible to receive prescription containers that give

21 audio recorded prescription information, including prescribed dosages
 22 if said person has a visual impairment.

23 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 17b-490 of the general statutes is
 24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 25 *October 1, 2002*):

26 (c) "Reasonable cost" means the cost of the prescription drug
 27 determined in accordance with the formula adopted by the
 28 Commissioner of Social Services in regulations for medical assistance
 29 purposes plus a dispensing fee equal to the fee determined by said
 30 commissioner for medical assistance purposes. "Reasonable cost" shall
 31 include the cost of prescription containers that give audio recorded
 32 prescription information, including prescribed dosages, for recipients
 33 with a visual impairment.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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